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2004 MILK PRODUCTION AND DISPOSITION

WEST VIRGINIA -- Milk production totaled 194 million pounds during 2004, down 22 million pounds from the revised number in 2003. The average number of milk cows was 13,000 head, down 2,000 head from 2003. Average milk production per cow was 14,923 pounds, up 523 pounds from the revised number of 14,400 pounds for 2003.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2004 totaled \$31.5 million, up 16 percent from the revised 2003 cash receipts. Producer returns averaged \$16.50 per hundredweight, up \$3.70 from 2003. Milk marketed by producers totaled 191 million pounds in 2004, down 22 million pounds from the revised number in 2003. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

UNITED STATES – Milk production increased 0.2 percent in 2004 to 170.8 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 18,957 pounds, was 197 pounds above 2003. The annual average number of milk cows on farms, at 9.01 million head, was 73,000 head less than 2003.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2004 totaled \$27.4 billion, 29 percent above 2003. Producer returns averaged \$16.13 per hundredweight, 29 percent above 2003. Marketings totaled 170 billion pounds, 0.2 percent above 2003. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 1.11 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 1.3 percent less than 2003. Calves were fed 87 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.